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By ECF and Email (CronanNYSDChambers@nysd.uscourts.gov) Hon. John P. Cronan 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007

Re: W.P.V. and W.P.O. v. United States, et al., No. 21 Civ. 4436 (JPC)

Dear Judge Cronan:

This Office represents Defendant the United States ("Defendant" or the "Government") in the above-referenced case, which Plaintiffs bring pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act ("FTCA"). Defendant's response to Plaintiffs' complaint is due on May 9, 2022. In accordance with the Court's individual practices, Defendant intends to submit a pre-motion letter to the Court on May 9, in connection with its anticipated motion to transfer or dismiss this case. Defendant writes respectfully to request that it be permitted to file a pre-motion letter up to five pages in length (rather than the three-page maximum permitted by the Court's individual rules). Defendant requires these additional pages to properly set forth the bases for its two separate motions (the transfer motion and the motion to dismiss). All parties consent to this request.

Additionally, there is an initial conference scheduled for May 17, 2022. According to the Court's individual rules, the parties must submit a letter and case management plan in advance of that conference. In light of the anticipated motion practice, the parties respectfully request that they be relieved of the obligation to file these two documents.

The Government thanks the Court for its consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

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